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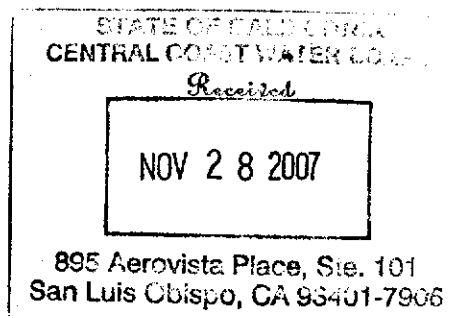
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Mr. Roger Briggs
Executive Officer
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
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Subject: City of Salinas Draft SWMP Required Revisions

Dear Mr. Briggs,



This letter is in response to the Public Notice on the above subject document. The Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA) operates and maintains the Reclamation Ditch that empties flood waters from the north central part of Monterey County (approximately 150 square miles) including the City of Salinas into the Tembladero Slough that eventually goes into Moss Landing Harbor and then to the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. The Reclamation Ditch is a manmade earthen channel built over 80 years ago and not a natural stream or creek.

Reference is made to comment 39 on page 10 and the associated footnote 2 on page 12. The Reclamation Ditch is included incorrectly as a natural creek or stream. The Reclamation Ditch must be maintained to include clearing, compaction and excavation among other activities in order to pass flood waters. If obstructions are allowed to occur and remain in the Reclamation Ditch without proper maintenance of clearing and excavation, localized flooding will occur with the high potential of loss of property and/or life. It is requested that any reference to the Reclamation Ditch be removed from the document.

Sincerely,


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cc: Carl Niizawa, Deputy Engineer, City of Salinas